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S. RES. 205

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the Nation should recognize the contributions of public health and prevention services to this Nation and celebrate "National Public Health Week" during the week of April 6 through April 12, 1998.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 31, 1998

Mr. Faircloth (for himself, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Bond, Mr. Frist, Mr. Chafee, and Mr. Inouye) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas over the past 50 years, the United States has achieved significant increases in life expectancy and reductions in the incidence of injury, disability, and disease;

Whereas the public health approach is credited with the majority of improvements in our Nation's health status and expanded life expectancy of 30 additional years since the turn of the century;

Whereas public health services are successful in identifying and addressing patterns of disease, illness, and injury in populations and ensuring healthy living and working environments;

Whereas the 3,000 public health departments of the Nation provide the critical frontline of defense against the dangers posed by infectious disease outbreaks, natural disasters, terrorist acts, and other serious threats to the health of Americans; and

Whereas "National Public Health Week" provides an opportunity to highlight and commend the efforts of public health professionals to protect, promote, and enhance the health of all citizens in communities across this country: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the outstanding dedication of 3 community, State, and Federal public health profes-4 sionals and services and commends the professionals 5 for their role in safeguarding communities and work-6 places, and improving health and well-being of 7 Americans; and

(2) calls upon Americans to celebrate "National Public Health Week" during the week of April 6 through April 12, 1998, with appropriate activities and ceremonies.

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